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Biometrics Policy Briefing Summary



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DoD BMO Mission and Vision Statements:

Mission: The Biometrics Management Office (BMO) – as the DoD proponent for biometrics – will lead, consolidate, and coordinate the development, adoption and institutionalization of biometric technologies in CINCs/Services/Agencies, to enhance Joint Service interoperability and warfighter operational effectiveness.

Vision: By 2012, biometrics will be the universally empowering technology that ensures the right person with the right privileges has access at the right time to support warfighting dominance.

Definition:

The policy established by the Department of Defense Biometrics Management Office (DoD BMO) stems from the Directives and Instructions issued by the DoD.

Goals and Objectives:

- Establish the DoD Biometrics Management Office as the premier biometrics information and educational resource within DoD.
- Institutionalize biometrics into the DoD business process.
- Establish the Biometrics Fusion Center as a national resource for biometric applications.
- Develop and recommend DoD policy for biometric technologies.

Policy Development:

- Develop DoD biometrics policy based upon:
 - Public Law 106-246, July 2000

- DEPSECDEF Biometrics Memo, dated 27 December 2000
- ASDC31 Memo, dated 19 January 2001

Current Policy Work:

- Develop a DoD Directive and Instruction for biometric technologies (8500.xx) that will focus on:
 - Biometrically enabling new information systems
 - Centralized leadership and coordination
 - Application of federal, national and international standards, and common commercial practices
 - Compliance with the Privacy Act
 - Storage of biometric templates
- Joint Technical Architecture

Projected Policy Activity:

Short-term goals include:

- Establish T&E Capability
- Establish performance measures
- Institutionalize BMO & BFC into the force structure
- Develop and recommend policy
- Introduce biometrics to Service organizations

Mid-term goals include:

- Collect and update customer requirements
- Influence and accept industry standards
- Influence DODD 5000 and 6000 series
- Enterprise acquisition

Long-term goals include:

- Recommendations for weapon systems applications
- Requirements update
- Establish interoperability among commercial products and Joint Service use